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FEDERAL INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR HISPANICS

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Representative: Carla Coolman



Carla Coolman has worked in the fields of strategic communications and journalism for many years, working in both, the public and the private sectors. Currently, Carla is a Press and Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. As the sole Spanish-speaking spokesperson, she appears on numerous television news programs and is interviewed by multiple radio and print media outlets. Live, national appearances included Univision's and Telemundo's top-10 national primetime programs. She worked in close consultation with a former Chairman to increase the exchange of information with counterpart agencies around the world; represented the Chairman at international conferences, seminars, and other high-profile events.

Council on Environmental Quality

Representative: Angela Barranco



Angela Barranco serves as the Associate Director for Public Engagement at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Previously, Angela was at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she served as Deputy Chief of Staff and supported Secretary Donovan's groundbreaking efforts to increase the energy efficiency and sustainability of the nation's housing units, and to bring a new approach to rebuilding from Hurricane Sandy that will increase the region's resilience to future climate impacts. Before joining HUD, Angela served as the National Western Regional Director for the President's re-election campaign. She also has experience with Congress and local government, having worked as a senior advisor and campaign manager for multiple congressional races, as Communications Director and Press Secretary for several House members, and for the City of Yonkers, NY. Angela earned a B.A. in Environmental Biology from Columbia University, and began her career as a Special Assistant for the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation.

Export-Import Bank of the United States

Representative: Angela Freyre



Angela Mariana Freyre is the 20th General Counsel and Senior Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. In this capacity, she is the Bank's chief legal officer, managing its attorneys and overseeing diverse transactions and litigation portfolios, and a member of the Bank's senior management team.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Ms. Freyre served as Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Legal and Strategic Affairs at the Nielsen Company, a global leader in the media and marketing information business whose clients include the leading US media companies. She managed and expanded strategic relationships with Nielsen's most important media clients, led teams in the negotiation of Nielsen's most important revenue and

strategic contracts, and supported Nielsen's government affairs team.

Previously to Nielsen, Ms. Freyre practiced law in New York and Paris, developing an international corporate practice, including joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions and complex financial transactions, with major US and foreign clients for ten years each at Coudert Brothers, LLP, where she was a partner, and Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon, LLP.

Ms. Freyre attended Wellesley College, Georgetown University Law Center, and l'Université de Droit, d'Economie et des Sciences Sociales de Paris, and was a Fulbright Scholar. She was born in Havana, Cuba, has lived in Paris as well as New York City for almost 30 years, and currently resides in Washington, DC. Ms. Freyre is fluent in Spanish and French.

NASA

Representative: Joeletta Patrick



Joeletta Patrick is a native of Greensboro, N.C., where she attended North Carolina A&T State University and received a B.S. in electrical engineering. Upon graduation, she moved to Houston, Texas, and began her career in the NASA family at Johnson Space Center. She worked as a flight controller for the International Space Station as the lead inventory stowage officer for ISS mission 2A.1/STS-96. She transitioned from the Mission Operations Directorate to Engineering to work as a time-phased power analyst. Patrick returned to the Mission Operations Directorate and became a civil servant in August 2004 working in the space station program in the Electrical Power System group.

Patrick's career has been marked by positions of steadily increasing responsibility, leadership and assumption of new challenges. In 2009, after working as a certified flight controller, she served as the acting program manager of Johnson Space Center's Minority University Research and Education Program, or MUREP. To increase the diversity of her career, she moved into an acting position in the newly developed Johnson Space Center Integrated Project Office housed in the Public Affairs Office. In 2010, Patrick was selected to serve permanently as the program manager of Johnson's MUREP program. During the course of her career in this position, she has served as the agency liaison for the Hispanic Engineering, Science and Technology week. Her leadership resulted in a JSC Group Achievement Award for outstanding achievement in aligning Johnson

with NASA's goal to inspire, engage and educate and the JSC Superior Achievement Award for her outstanding leadership, development and integration.

Patrick has worked with internal and external organizations, institutions, federal agencies, and the community through various Office of Education assignments. Her work has reflected her commitment to leveraging university relationships and investments, growing the number of diverse students prepared to work in STEM-based fields, supporting STEM initiatives, and serving as a spokesperson for NASA's commitment to STEM.

In September 2013, Patrick was selected as the agency's program manager for MUREP at NASA Headquarters in the Office of Education. She enjoys volunteering in the community and serving in social and professional organizations. She is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, the Society of Women Engineers, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

National Endowment for the Arts

Representative: Anthony J. Tighe



Anthony J. Tighe is the Coordinator of Federal Partnerships in the Office of the Chief of Staff at the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the federal agency that supports nonprofit arts throughout the United States. Tony assists the NEA in developing public sector partnerships. He also serves as the NEA's representative to the several White House Initiatives. The NEA was the first federal funder for 105 Voices of History, an honors choir of students from HBCUs that performs each year at the Kennedy Center. Tony has established partnerships with many federal agencies, including the Forest Service; the Appalachian Regional Commission; the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program; and DOJ's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Much of his work has centered around cultural heritage tourism development, particularly in rural areas. Tony holds an M.P.A. from the University of Southern California's Washington, D.C., Public Affairs Center.

National Science Foundation

Representative: Sylvia James



Dr. Sylvia M. James is the Director of the Division of Human Resource Development (HRD) in the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR). As Division Director, she oversees a \$129 million budget and a talented team of 25 scientific and administrative staff. The mission of HRD, as exemplified by its seven longstanding programs, is to contribute to the creation of "...a well-prepared and competitive workforce of scientists, technicians, engineers, mathematicians, and educators that reflects the diversity of the U.S. population."

During her 13 year tenure at NSF, she served as the Acting Division Director of the Division of Human Resource Development, Acting Deputy Division Director of the Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL), and the Lifelong Learning Cluster Coordinator. As Cluster Coordinator, she managed the Informal Science Education Program (ISE) which had a budget of \$64 million dollars, while also providing direction for the Innovative Technology Experiences for Students

and Teachers (ITEST) program. She has served as a program officer for the ISE, ITEST, Faculty Early Career (CAREER), and the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) programs. She has also worked with the Innovation through Institutional Integration (I³) and Academies for Young Scientists (AYS) programs. Dr. James previously served as the Lead Program Officer for ITEST, and its predecessor, the After School Centers for Exploration and New Discovery (ASCEND).

Prior to coming to NSF, she was the Director of Education at the National Aquarium in Baltimore where she was employed for 14 years. While at the National Aquarium, she directed teacher training and youth enrichment projects supported by national funders such as the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, DeWitt Wallace Readers Digest Fund, and the National Science Foundation, as well as an assortment of local foundations. She has served as an education consultant for science education radio, youth publications, and museums. Dr. James is the author of seven children's books on marine animals, in addition to science education publications and reports. She is an adjunct science faculty member at Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Loyola University, a Master of Science degree from the Johns Hopkins University, and a Doctorate in Science Education from Morgan State University, all located in Baltimore, Maryland.

Office of the First Lady

Representative: Eric Waldo



As Executive Director of First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher initiative, Eric Waldo is working to inspire every student in the U.S. to take charge of their future by completing their post-secondary education, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a 2-year or 4-year college or university. His role cuts across policy, advocacy, and community engagement to further the President's North Star goal—that by 2020, the U.S. once again leads the world in terms of college graduates.

Previously Waldo was Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) at the Department of Education (ED), where he helped lead and manage ED through President Obama's historic investment of \$100B in education funding via the Recovery Act. This work created important investments around system-level, cradle-to-career changes for states, districts, schools, and communities. Waldo also helped manage the Department of Defense (DOD) global K-12 school system as the Co-Chair for the Advisory Council for Dependents' Education, which advises and oversees the DOD schools.

Waldo earned a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, an M.Ed. from Harvard University, and an A.B. from Brown University. He currently resides in Washington, D.C.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Representative: David Mineta



David K. Mineta was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on June 22, 2010 to be the Deputy Director of Demand Reduction for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. In this position, Mr. Mineta oversees ONDCP Office of Demand Reduction which focuses on promoting drug prevention and drug treatment programs, as well as the agency's newly created focus on programs for individuals in recovery from addiction. Mr. Mineta's focus of drug prevention and treatment services has been longstanding. Since 1996, Mr. Mineta has worked with Asian American Recovery Services (AARS) throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. He started as a manager of a youth prevention program, but rose quickly to associate director and, since 2007, deputy director. As deputy director, he oversaw all agency grant writing and institutional technology departments, and assisted in strategic planning, community consortiums, and other necessary functions. Before joining AARS, Mr. Mineta was a counselor in the San Jose Unified School District and later in Santa Clara's Alcohol and Drug Department.

Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President

Representative: Sean Jones



Dr. Sean L. Jones is a Senior Policy Analyst with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) on detail from the National Science Foundation (NSF). His OSTP portfolio includes graduate education, grant reform, and workforce development, and enhanced inclusion of underrepresented groups in technology classes and professions. At NSF, Dr. Jones serves as a Program Director in the Division of Materials Research, where he co-manages the Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers and the Partnership for Research and Education in Materials program, which is a funding opportunity focused on increasing the number of underrepresented minorities engaged in materials research. He has also managed the Instrumentation for Materials Research Programs. Prior to joining NSF, Dr. Jones was a research faculty member in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Florida. He has also served as the Director of Engineering for Applied Plasmonics, Chair and Professor at Norfolk State University for both the optical and electronic engineering departments, and as a Technical Manager and Distinguished Member of Technical Staff at Bell Laboratories of Lucent Technologies. Dr. Jones received his B.S. in Ceramic Engineering from Clemson University and his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Florida. He has authored more than 30 peer-reviewed publications and has been awarded 9 U.S. patents with several others pending.

Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President

Representative: Vivian Graubard



Vivian Graubard serves as an Advisor to the United States Chief Technology Officer, Todd Park, within the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). She leads OSTP’s Tech Initiative to Fight Trafficking, which focuses on leveraging technological innovation to help combat human trafficking and enable victims to connect to help and support. She is also a leader within OSTP on initiatives to increase diversity within the tech community and to support greater education inclusion of girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics classes and careers. Vivian works closely with CTO Park on the Presidential Innovation Fellows program—a new initiative that brings leading tech innovators into government for focused “tours of duty” to work on game-changing projects that help make government smarter, more effective, and more efficient. Before joining the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Vivian served as the Technology Coordinator for the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence, where she developed and wrote the first automated system for reading, coding, and responding to foreign language correspondence, an effort that led to the first-ever response to correspondence in Spanish by a President. She also serves as the Council Designee for Technology to the Council on Women and Girls. Prior to joining the White House, Vivian was a fellow at Polaris Project, a leading organization in the global fight against human trafficking. She also worked with The Emancipation Network in Kolkata, India, helping young girls who had been placed in orphanages after being rescued from sex trafficking enterprises. Vivian holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from American University, where she pursued a dual concentration in Information Systems and Technology and International Business.

Peace Corps

Representative: Jennifer Chavez Rubio



Jennifer Chavez Rubio is the Director of Gifts and Grants Management in the Office of Strategic Partnerships at the Peace Corps. She directs strategic partnership development and fundraising activities on behalf of the agency and oversees the Peace Corps Partnership Program, a small grants program that supports grassroots development projects in the 65 countries where Peace Corps Volunteers serve. Prior to the Peace Corps, Jennifer worked in the field of philanthropy at Silicon Valley Community Foundation developing cross-sector partnerships and managing corporate social responsibility programs on behalf of top corporations. She has also served as a Senior Program Officer at Genentech, Inc., a top biotechnology company, conducting the company’s grant making and managing an employee volunteer program for more than 10,000 employees. Jennifer also conducted grant making at the San Francisco Foundation and was the Director of Education Programs at Somos Mayfair, a grassroots nonprofit organization in San Jose, CA. She started her career in education as a public school teacher in East Palo Alto, CA and Denver, CO. Jennifer earned a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a master’s degree in Nonprofit Management from Regis University, a Jesuit University focused on service and leadership, where she was also a Colorado Trust Fellow.

Peace Corps

Representative: Alicia Barrera



Alicia Barrera, originally from Tampa, Florida, is a Program Specialist for the Peace Corps' Office of University and Domestic Partnerships where she manages a portfolio of partnerships with over 34 universities in the Northeastern region of the U.S. In addition to her work with university partnerships, Alicia leads a group of Latino employees at the agency, the Hispanic Association for Leadership and Opportunity (HALO). Prior to working for the Peace Corps, Alicia was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sarapiquí, Costa Rica from 2008-2010. Her role in the community focused on prevention activities, youth empowerment programs, and parenting skills workshops in a rural community setting. Her passion for working with youth started long before her days in the Peace Corps. While in college at the University of South Florida, Alicia dedicated most of her time outside of her studies to working with inner-city youth as a tutor for the GEAR-UP program. Alicia graduated from the University of South Florida in 2007 with a BA in History and a minor in Political Science. Alicia is an active member in the DC Latino community and strongly advocates for Latino youth in her free time through her service as a board member of the Virginia Dream Project, Inc.

Social Security Administration

Representative: Stacy L. Rodgers



Stacy L. Rodgers has a broad range of management experience in both the private and public sectors. Stacy brings more than 25 years of experience in working with Federal, state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations. She has successfully designed and implemented human service policies, programs and initiatives for municipal and state agencies. In February 2011 Stacy was appointed by the Obama Administration and serves as the Senior Advisor to the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA). In this capacity, she serves as a member of SSA's senior management team and Liaison to the White House. Among her various duties Stacy oversees the agency's implementation of a wide range of Presidential Executive Orders. Stacy chairs the agency's Limited English Proficiency Oversight Workgroup and works closely with other Federal agencies to facilitate effective service delivery and improve customer service. Stacy also serves on a number of Federal inter-agency groups including the Elder Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup, the U. S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, The Ex-offender Re-Entry Workgroup - Benefits Coordination, Sub-committee.

In February 2008 Stacy was appointed as the Deputy Secretary for Programs for the Maryland State Department of Human Resources, Maryland's human services agency. She oversaw the agency's 23 county departments of social services, the State's Child Support Enforcement and Public Welfare Programs and the Agency's Office of Grants Management. During her tenure as Deputy Secretary, Stacy worked to improve systems that ensure the delivery of timely and quality services. She led the Agency's statewide accreditation and accountability processes, including directing the department's StateStat and strategic planning efforts. Stacy also served as a member of DHR's executive staff from 1990 to 2000. Stacy's additional management leadership experiences include serving as the Manager of the Office of Planning, Accountability and Customer Service for the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Deputy Director for the Department of Human Services in the District of Columbia.

Stacy earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore. She is also a graduate of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Leadership Institute, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators' (NFBPA) Mentor Program and Executive Leadership Institute.

Stacy's passion for service also extends beyond the workplace. Stacy contributes her time, resources and talents to numerous faith and civic organizations including the Providence Adult Day Care Center, where she serves as Board President and the Providence Baptist Church where she is a dedicated member. Stacy is a long-standing member of the Tenth District Democratic Club, serving as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. She is a national board member of the NFBPA and serves as dedicated mentor and resource person for young professionals. Stacy is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Stacy's personal mission statement is very simple: "To serve and help those in need".

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Representative: Oscar Gonzales



Oscar Gonzales is Deputy Chief of Staff at USDA. Previously he served as the Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration and as Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Gonzales' current duties involve helping to oversee the Department's operations and serving as Secretary Vilsack's point person on immigration reform. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Gonzales worked for the United Farm Workers Foundation and the National Hispanic Environmental Council. He was also active with various community, environmental, and union organizing efforts. Gonzales' experience is state government involves working for a California Governor and high ranking California State Legislators. Earlier in his career, Gonzales worked at the Corporation for National Service and for various AmeriCorps funded programs.

He is proud to have followed in his father and grandfathers footsteps by working with thoroughbred race horses at farms and racetracks across California and the Southwest. Gonzales was born and raised in East Los Angeles. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from UC San Diego and an A.A. from East L.A. College. Gonzales lives in Washington D.C. with his wife Christine and their golden retriever Buddy.

U.S. Department of Commerce

Representative: Alejandra Castillo



Ms. Alejandra Castillo was appointed in 2010 to serve as National Deputy Director of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). In this role, Ms. Castillo serves as the principal advisor to the MBDA National Director and manages the day-to-day activities of the Agency and its national network of 40 business centers. This operation expands the U.S. economy and creates new jobs by providing services to promote the growth and global competitiveness of minority businesses. Under the Obama Administration, MBDA has assisted minority-owned firms in obtaining nearly \$15 billion in contracts and capital and creating and saving over 33,000 new jobs. As National Deputy Director, Ms.

Castillo is also responsible for executing the Agency's mission to help Minority Business Enterprises grow and succeed through access to capital, access to contract and access to business opportunities both domestically and abroad. She has forged important strategic stakeholder relations and key public-private partnerships.

U.S. Department of Defense

Representative: Marie Therese Dominguez



Ms. Marie Therese Dominguez was appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) on July 1, 2013. As Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary she provides policy and performance oversight for the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program. The Civil Works program consists predominantly of water resources development including navigation, flood control, hydroelectric power generation, municipal and industrial water supply, outdoor recreation activities, fish and wildlife habitat restoration and ecosystems management. Ms. Dominguez also provides direction on the development and articulation of the Department of the Army's policies and practices in support of the Clean Water Act, the Rivers and Harbors Act and related Corps regulatory programs.

Prior to joining Army (Civil Works), Ms. Dominguez served as the Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy for the United States Postal Service where she managed the legislative strategy and public policy objectives for postal management and operations. In addition to Government Relations, Ms. Dominguez also managed an \$87M business unit, Stamp Services where she was responsible for the development, manufacturing and issuance of US postage stamps.

Ms. Dominguez brings experience in private and public sector management to Army (Civil Works). Prior government service includes over eight years at the U.S. Department of Transportation and the White House. In the private sector she ran a management consultant group for Serco, International which focused on workforce development and human capital planning. She started her career as an environmental analyst working on solid waste and clean water issues.

Tracing her family eight generations in the state of New Mexico, Ms. Dominguez is a graduate of Smith College in Massachusetts and holds a Juris Doctorate from Villanova Law School in Pennsylvania.

U.S. Department of Energy

Representative: Tara Trujillo



Tara Trujillo is a senior advisor to the Deputy Assistant Undersecretary for Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy. Tara came to the Department of Energy from Colorado where she worked as U.S. Senator Mark Udall's communications and outreach director as well as his political strategist. Before working for Udall, she managed public relations for former U.S. House Representative John Salazar and was the communications director for more than 35 state representatives at the Colorado General Assembly. Before transitioning into politics, she began her career as a radio reporter and television producer. In her spare time, Tara volunteers with several non-profit organizations that support children.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Representative: Gloria González



Dr. Gloria González is a Public Health Advisor for the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Division of Policy and Data. Dr. González serves as a Latino health policy lead and her portfolio includes the Promotores de Salud Initiative, implementation of the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, health disparities policy coordination across the Department, and is lead staff for the HHS Health Disparities Council. Dr. González most recently served as a Social Science Research Analyst in the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducting research and evaluation studies of USDA's nutrition assistance programs. Prior to USDA FNS, Dr. González was the Director of Research at the American Dental Education Association. Before coming to Washington, DC, she taught courses on racial and ethnic disparities as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology at two liberal arts colleges on the west coast. Dr. González earned her Ph.D. and M.A in Sociology from the University of California-Los Angeles with a focus on race, ethnicity, gender, and Latino populations. She earned a B.A. in Sociology from the University of California-Berkeley and her A.A. from Mt. San Antonio College.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Representative: Nate Synder

Nate has been at DHS since March 2009. Since the onset, he has been tasked to coordinate and facilitate public engagement for the Department. He has over 10 years of engagement and training experience on the state, local, and national level. At DHS, his main focus has been with state and local law enforcement, state and local governments, and international law enforcement partners and communities across the country that are looking for community-based information driven solutions, for prevention and intervention of violent attacks and violent extremism. Nate spearheaded the coordination and management of DHS's effort to develop a community oriented policing curriculum and resources for state, local, and tribal law enforcement in regards to countering violent extremism (CVE). He is also the staff lead for CVE for the Counterterrorism Coordinator in the Office of the Secretary. Most recently he has been working with global law enforcement practitioners to develop and implement operational approaches to CVE and preventing violent attacks. Furthermore, he has worked closely with Secretary Napolitano's Homeland Security Advisory Council and the implementation of their CVE Working Group recommendations as directed by the Secretary. Nate graduated from Syracuse University in 2001 and is currently pursuing a Master's degree at the US Naval War College.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Representative: Francy Youngberg



Francy Lim Youngberg is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Engagement for the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She is responsible for strategic engagement between the Secretary of HUD and key stakeholders. Her office helps build support for HUD’s budgetary and departmental priorities and ensures that the public’s input is taken into account in the public policy making process. Her office also plays a coordinating role for the Secretary and the Department in activities conducted by the White House Office of Public Engagement. She also serves as the HUD representative to the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders and the White House Council on Women and Girls.

Prior to joining HUD, Francy Lim Youngberg advised clients on cultural competency, research into Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) issues, diversity management, minority recruitment, grant writing, grant management, and fundraising. She worked with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, the D.C. Government, the Metro Police Department and federal agencies.

Prior to consulting, Ms. Youngberg was a tax attorney for Morgan Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia, and Hogan & Hartson in D.C. After leaving private practice, she worked as an attorney in the international division of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington, D.C. and later became the founding Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)) under the Honorable Norman. Y. Mineta. She graduated from Wellesley College and Harvard Law School.

U.S. Department of Interior

Representative: Francisco Carrillo

Francisco Carrillo serves as the Deputy Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior. In this role he works closely with states and local governments on behalf of the Secretary’s office, and engages with partners and stakeholder organizations around Departmental initiatives.

Prior to joining the Administration, Francisco worked for former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in the city’s federal affairs office. He previously served on the House Appropriations Committee as a subcommittee aide, and spent four years working in the leadership offices of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

A native of South Pasadena, California, Francisco received his Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from UCLA in 2002, and a Masters in Environmental Science and Policy from Johns Hopkins University in 2009.

U.S. Department of Labor

Representative: Ernesto Archila



Ernesto Archila is a Special Assistant to the Secretary in the Department of Labor's Office of Public Engagement, where his portfolio includes Latino outreach, counter-trafficking in persons and international labor affairs. Prior to joining the Secretary's staff, he served as a Special Assistant at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and as a Workforce Analyst in the Employment and Training Administration. Mr. Archila holds a Masters in International Affairs with a focus on human rights from Columbia University and a B.A. in Philosophy from NYU. His professional experience includes working at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York, working for a national non-profit workforce development intermediary, and engaging in grassroots community organizing in Colombia and the United States.

U.S. Department of State

Representative: Evan Ryan

On September 26, 2013, Evan Ryan assumed her position as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). In this capacity, she oversees a wide range of academic, cultural, private sector, professional, youth, and sports exchange programs to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries and promote peaceful relations. ECA exchange programs engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and emerging leaders in more than 160 countries and in the United States. ECA has had over one million program participants to date, including more than 50 Nobel Laureates and over 350 current and former heads of state and government.

From 2009 to 2013, Ms. Ryan served in the White House as Assistant to the Vice President and Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement. In this role she served as the Vice President's liaison to elected officials and constituency groups. Prior to this, she served as the Deputy Campaign Manager for the Biden for President Campaign. Previously, Ms. Ryan was a Consultant for the Education Partnership for Children of Conflict.

In 2006, Ms. Ryan was Political Director of Unite Our States, and she was Deputy Chair in Governance for the Clinton Global Initiative in 2005. From 2003 to early 2004, she served as a Deputy Director of Communications for the John Kerry for President Campaign, and before that she was the Director of Scheduling for Hillary Clinton's 2000 Senatorial campaign.

Ms. Ryan previously served in the White House from 1994-2000, including as Deputy Director of Scheduling for First Lady Hillary Clinton and as Special Assistant to the First Lady's Chief of Staff. Ms. Ryan served on the Board of Directors of Peace Players International from 2003 to 2008. She was a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations from 2008 to 2013.

Assistant Secretary Ryan, a Virginia native, holds a B.A. from Boston College and an M.I.P.P. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Representative: Barbara Ward



Ms. Barbara Ward was appointed as the Director for the Center for Minority Veterans in August 2012. Prior to this appointment, former Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, appointed Ms. Ward to the position of Deputy Secretary of Women and Minority Veterans from 2007 through 2011 and as the Bureau Chief of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education from 2005 through 2007. Ms. Ward also served as a member of the Women Veterans Advisory Committee for three years, and was co-chair of the health sub-committee.

As a native of Florida, she attended the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, School of Nursing where she obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1986, she obtained her Master's Degree in Public Administration, Health Services Management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco. She is a registered nurse with a diverse background in health care administration and state government. Ms. Ward has held several executive level management positions including Regional Director of Field Case Management with Kemper Insurance Company; Vice President of Medical Services with Combined Benefits Insurance Company; Assistant Director of Professional Services with the University of California Davis Medical Center and Quality Assurance Coordinator at Mather Air Force Base Hospital.

Ms. Ward is a Viet Nam Era veteran who served in the United States Air Force Nurse Corp at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. She is a board member and Vice President of the Health Education Council in Sacramento, California and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. As a long term educator, she has been an adjunct faculty member at several universities, including Golden Gate University. Ms. Ward was recognized as the Business Woman of the Year by the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority in 2010, and has received special recognition and awards from AMVETS and American Legion for her service to veterans. She is the former Second Vice President of the National Association of State Women Veteran Coordinators.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Representative: Lester C. Facey



As National Program Manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Diversity Advisory Committee Management & Outreach (ODACMO), Dr. Lester C. Facey is dedicated and committed to the minority academic institutions community. Besides being employed by EPA, Dr. Facey is currently associate graduate faculty at Towson University (Maryland) teaching Environmental Policy & Sustainable Management – a course he developed for the institution.

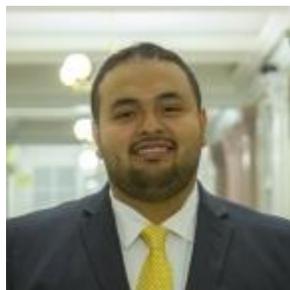
Prior to employment at EPA, Dr. Facey was an Environmental Compliance Manager at Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), in which he oversaw the environmental affairs at all MVA facilities and air emission stations throughout the state of Maryland. While working at MVA and Maryland Department of Transportation (as an environmental analyst), he was a member of their self-audit/self-disclosure team that negotiated with the U.S. EPA to facilitate the implementation of compliance focused environmental management systems.

During the last 23 years, Dr. Facey has worked in corporate America, civil service (city, state, and federal government), not-for-profit, and academia. In his spare time, he serves as Chair to the Environmental Sustainability Work Group for the Institute of Caribbean Studies, a non-partisan, non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization based in Washington D.C. Also, Dr. Facey serves on Governor Martin O'Malley's Maryland Commission on Caribbean Affairs (International Committee). As an environmental political economist, his independent research interest is the development of environmental statutes in the Caribbean Basin vis-à-vis a political economy approach that is grounded in theoretical discourse and measureable empirical findings.

Dr. Facey received his Ph.D. in Environmental Science (concentration in environmental policy and democratic processes) from State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Earth Science from Adelphi (with a certificate in environmental management) and a Bachelor of Science degree (biology) from Manhattan College (Bronx, NY).

White House, Office of Public Engagement

Representative: Jorge Neri



Jorge Neri serves as an Associate Director of Public Engagement in the Office of Public Engagement. In this role he is the White House's primary liaison to the Latino community and on immigration related issues. Prior to joining the White House, Jorge served as the Deputy Campaign Manager and Field Director at the Alliance for Citizenship. Jorge also worked on President Obama's reelection campaign, first as a National Regional Field Director and then as the Nevada Field Director. Under Jorge's leadership, the Nevada campaign registered over 40,000 voters in the last month of voter registration and President Obama won the State by 6 points, with record turnout among

Latinos.

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